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The present invention is generally directed to novel enantiomeric estrogen derivatives, some of which may have one or more unsaturated bonds in conjugation with the terminal or A-ring of the structure, which have cytoprotective activity. The present invention is further directed to a process for conferring cytoprotection to a population of cells, of a subject in need thereof, involving the administration of an effective dose of the compound.